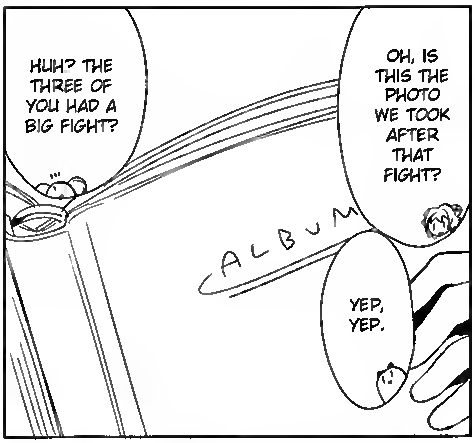
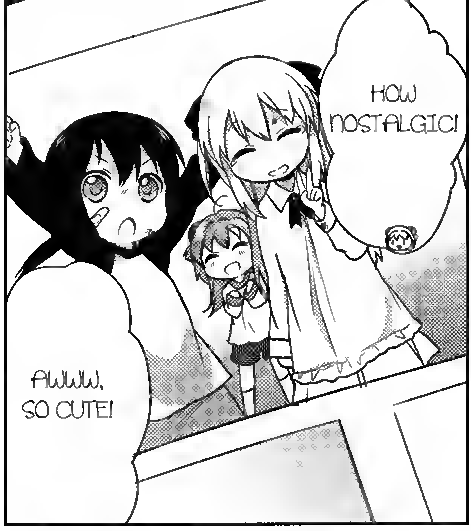
30★ A CHILDHOOD FLASHBACK THAT ENDS IN A STALEMATE!


HUH? THE THREE OF YOU HAD A BIG FIGHT?
OH, IS THIS THE PHOTO WE TOOK AFTER THAT FIGHT?
ALBUM
YEP, YEP.


HOW NOSTALGIC!
AWWW, SO CUTE!

NOPE. A LITTLE GIRL WE'D NEVER SEEN BEFORE PICKED A FIGHT WITH US...
WOW. SHE MUST'VE BEEN A REAL BRAT.

I THINK I REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED...

LOOK! NOW I'M LEAF MASK MAN!
BAM!
S-SOB...
HEY! NO CRYING ALLOWED!
YOU CAN'T JUST CRY CAUSE YOU TOOK A TUMBLE!
HEHE.
twirl
twirl
FEEL BETTER! FEEL BETTER!
IT DOESN'T HURT ANYMORE DOES IT?
YOU LAUGHED!
IT DOESN'T-

STOMP
STOP RIGHT THERE!
WHAT GAME SHOULD WE PLAY TODAY?
T-THIS PARK IS FOR EVERYONE TO SHARE...
WHO'RE YOU? AND HOW COME THIS IS YOUR TERRITORY?
WRONG! IT'S ALL MINE NOW
THIS AREA IS MY TERRITORY!
NO TRES-PASSING!
PHFFFT
UH... WHATEVER! IT'S MINE
YEAH. WELL, WHO SAYS?
TELL ME WHEN IT HAPPENED! RIGHT DOWN TO THE EXACT HOUR, MINUTE, AND SECOND! HOW MANY TIMES HAD THE EARTH ROTATED BY THEN!?

HUH... HUH?
HEY, YOU! CRYBABY! COME OVER HERE.
YOU STUPID COWARD! LET KYOUKO GO!
EWWW, DON'T TOUCH ME! I DON'T WANT YOUR COOTIES!
IF YOU WANT HER BACK, YOU'D BETTER GO AWAY!
COOTIE ATTACK!
I JUST PUT UP MY ANTI-COOTIE BARRIER TOO BAD FOR YOU
GRRRR
SMEAR
COOTIE ATTACK!
URGH!?

WHOA! THIS CHICK'S A TOTAL OUTSIDER, CHIEF!
I ONLY CAME HERE CAUSE I'M VISITING MY GRANDMA'S HOUSE TODAY
LIKE I'D EVER TELL YOU!
WHAT SCHOOL ARE YOU FROM!? I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU BEFORE!

NO ONE GETS AWAY WITH BULLYING A MEMBER OF MY POSSE!

drip
UUUU, YUI.
SAVE ME
drip

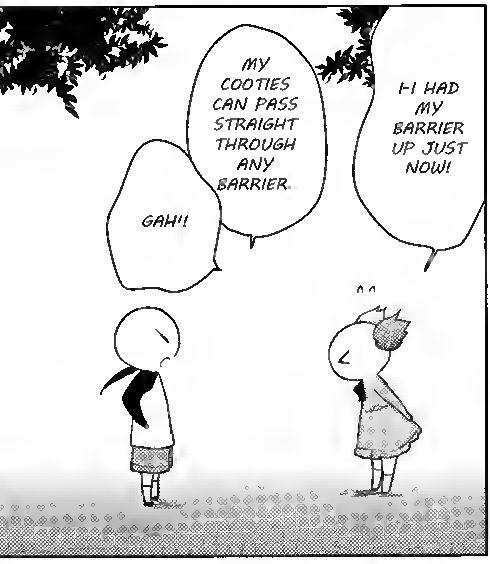
WATER FOUNTAIN

TAKE THIS!
OUCH! NOW YOU'VE REALLY CROSSED THE LINE!

YIPES!
HERE!!
IT'S COLD!

HOW LAME.

STOP IT! DON'T BE A MEANIE!
LOOK! NOW I'M AN ANTI-MEANIE NINJA!


MY COOTIES CAN PASS STRAIGHT THROUGH ANY BARRIER.
I-I HAD MY BARRIER UP JUST NOW!
GAH!!

AH!
I'VE GOT YOU NOW! COOTIE ATTACK!

THIS KID... IS A REAL PAIN IN THE NECK!
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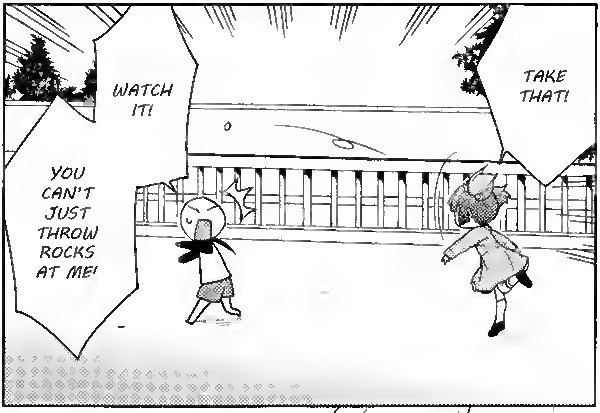
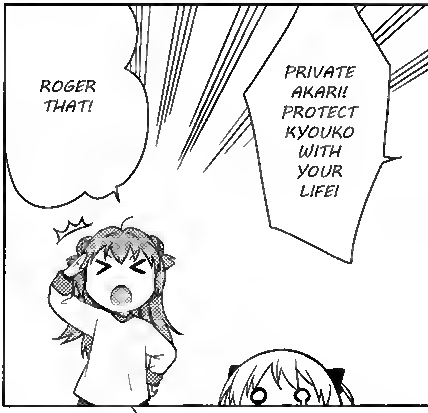

WATCH IT!
TAKE THAT!
YOU CAN'T JUST THROW ROCKS AT ME!

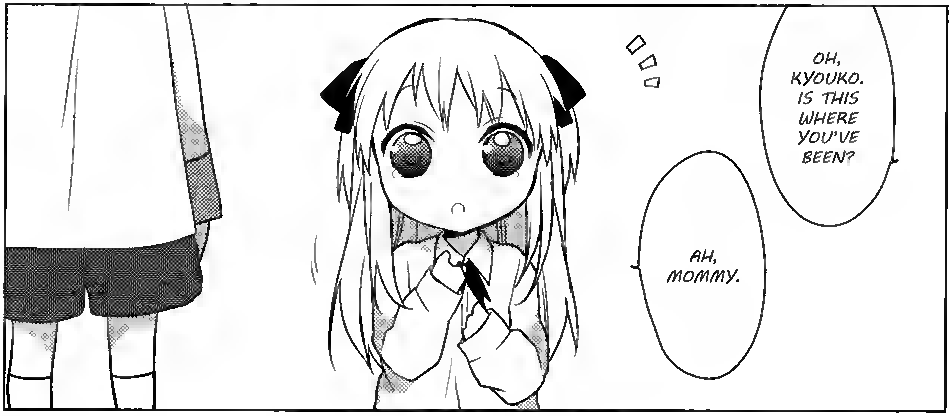

ROGER THAT!
PRIVATE AKARI! PROTECT KYOUKO WITH YOUR LIFE!

drip
...
drip

YUI...
LET'S GIVE UP AND GO HOME
SOB
WE CAN'T! I'LL NEVER LET THIS SELFISH LITTLE BRAT HAVE HER WAY.
CHII!
!!!
BUT STILL...
GRANDMA WANTS TO SEE YOU COME ON BACK
DRAT. OKAY, FINE.
SO YOU LIVE TO SEE ANOTHER DAY.
THAT'S MY LINE!
tap tap tap
phpt
...

PEOPLE CAN'T JUST TAKE OVER PUBLIC PROP-ERTY
I AGREE WITH YUI-CHAN!

SORRY. WERE YOU SCARED?
—NAH. YOU WERE SO COOL OUT THERE.


OH, KYOUKO. IS THIS WHERE YOU'VE BEEN?
AH, MOMMY.

...THIS SURE BRINGS ME BACK.
GOODNESS, YOU LOOK MESSY.
I KNOW, I'LL TAKE A PICTURE OF YOU THREE
OKAY.

SNAP JUDGEMENT

H-HOW RUDE...
You weren't just putting on an act?
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU USED TO BE A CRYBABY, KYOUKO-SEMPAI...
WOW...
THIS IS THE PHOTO WE TOOK BACK THEN.
Like when you had all that Leaf Mask Man crap
Shock
WHAT ABOUT YOU, AKARI-CHAN? WERE YOU TRYING TO BE FUNNY OR SOME-THING?
Kyaaa
YOU WERE PRETTY WILD YOURSELF, YUI-SEMPAI!
AND YOU HAD A STRONG SENSE OF JUSTICE... YOU'RE AWESOME!
WHY IS YUI THE ONLY ONE WHO GETS YOUR APPROVAL!?
IN ANY CASE, THAT CHII KID IS DOWNRIGHT UNFORGIV-ABLE!
WHAT A HORRID LITTLE BRAT! I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE THREW A ROCK AT YOU, SEMPAI!

I WONDER WHAT THAT LITTLE GIRL IS LIKE NOWADAYS.
AHAHA... NO NEED TO GET VIOLENT.
IF I SAW HER, I'D WANNA PUNCH HER HEAD IN!

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I MEAN, LOOK AT HOW SHE PICKED A FIGHT WITH YOU, YUI-SEMPAI!
I BET SHE'S STILL A PROBLEM CHILD!
SHE SURE WAS STUB-BORN.

CHINATSU-CHAN HASN'T CHANGED A BIT!!
...BUT AKARI KEPT HER THOUGHTS TO HERSELF.

Huh... Chinatsu-chan...?
...
Sheesh~

Aw, c'mon I'm still the same sweet little girl as before!
You were much nicer in the past

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